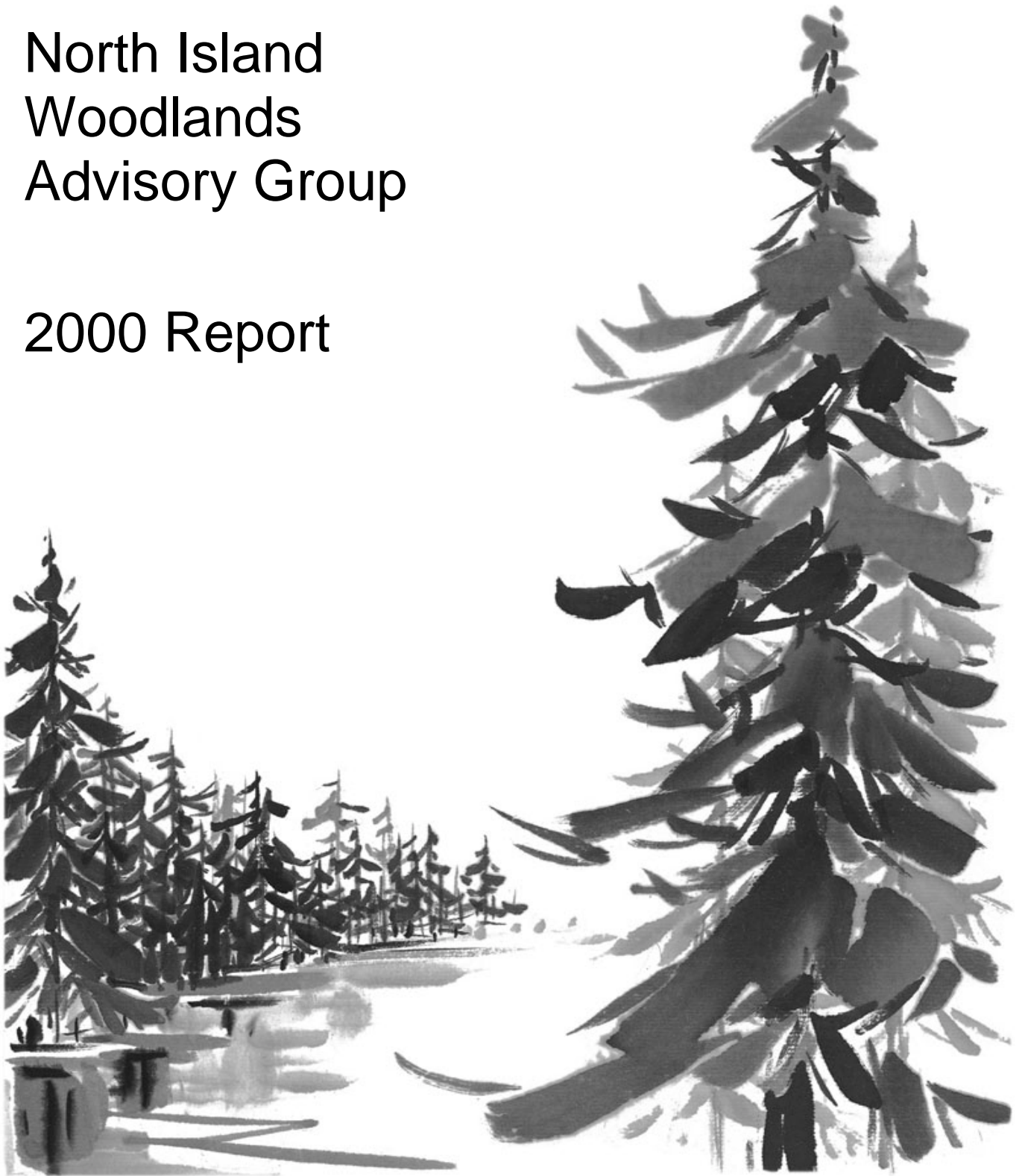


North Island  
Woodlands  
Advisory Group

2000 Report



North Island Woodlands Advisory Group (NIWAG) was formed in October 1998 to be a permanent and independent body to provide organized and regular community input to the development, implementation and on-going improvement of Weyerhaeuser's Sustainable Forest Management [SFM] system at North Island Timberlands (formerly MacMillan Bloedel's North Island Woodlands Division).

### Membership

At the conclusion of 2000, NIWAG consisted of members and alternates representing:

- BC Ministry of Forests (*observer status, Mr. Buck Tanner*),
- Campbell River Chamber of Commerce (*Ms. Maureen Brinson*),
- Campbell River Environmental Council (*Mr. Quentin Dodd*),
- District of Campbell River (*Mr. Bill Harrison*),
- Dyer Logging (*Mr. Ted Arkell*),
- Education/Youth (*Mr. Leo DeGroot*)
- IWA (*Mr. Sy Pederson*),
- Kwakwilt/Laich-Kwil-tach First Nation (*Chief John Smith*),
- Regional District of Comox-Strathcona (*Ms. Fae Hansen*),
- Sayward Fish & Game Club (*Mr. Richard Glover*),
- T-Mar Industries (*Mr. Gordon Olafsen*),
- Village of Sayward (*Mr. Trevor Cunningham*) and
- Member At-Large (*Ms. Heather Pate*)

Mr. Ron Frank (Shelterwood Forest Management) chaired and facilitated NIWAG, and Ms. Karen Loland (Weyerhaeuser) provided secretarial services. Weyerhaeuser Standing Members to NIWAG included Mr. Ken Mackenzie, Bob Currie and Gord Eason, of North Island Timberlands, and Mr. Dennis Fitzgerald, BC Coastal Group, Vancouver.



*(l-r) NIWAG members John Smith, Quentin Dodd and Heather Pate with facilitator Ron Frank in Lac La Biche, Alberta.*

NIWAG held 8 regular meetings and 2 special event meetings in 2000. A majority of members were present at all regular meetings, and all NIWAG sectors were consistently represented.

### Achievements & Significant Activities

Having achieved CSA certification of North Island's operating area in April 1999, a primary NIWAG responsibility is now to monitor and comment on the operation's performance against identified objectives.

In 2000, the most significant of these discussions was the company plan to consolidate dryland sort operations, and the various potential community impacts associated with that decision. Other discussions included maintenance of recreational sites and trails, road deactivation, and single-stem harvest trials in sensitive riparian areas.

NIWAG continued its review of performance goals and indicators in the Sustainable Forest Management Plan with no major revisions to those.

## **Education & Field Trips**

On-going member education is an important requirement for effective group functioning of NIWAG. In addition to regular reports from Standing Members and North Island personnel, NIWAG received a number of special presentations designed to increase members' understanding of forest management issues in general and of North Island's operations in particular. These included:

- Mike Larock, North Island single stem harvest program
  - Janna Kumi (Canadian Forest Service) national strategies for sustainable forest management
  - Peter Kofoed (Weyerhaeuser) and John Andres and Maddalena Dilorio Dunn (MoF) TFL 39 Management Plan 8 and the process for Allowable Annual Cut determination
  - Csaba Hadju (Forest Industrial Relations) and Tom Holmes and Jim Jackson (Weyerhaeuser) forest sector economic situation and dryland sort consolidation
  - Bob Currie (Weyerhaeuser) North Island safety audit
  - Wayne Campbell, birds of coastal British Columbia
- Forest Certification Forum, Victoria, March 29-April 1
  - Single-stem harvest tour, May 13
  - North Island harvest practices field trip, emphasizing riparian restoration and variable retention, June 10
  - National Forestry Week mall display for NIWAG, Campbell River, July 18
  - QMI certification audit of North Island operations, September 2-3
  - Forest Resources Advisory Group conference, Lac La Biche, Alberta, September 22-24
  - North Island harvest practices field trip, October 21
  - Sayward Winter Fair, November 25

NIWAG members also participated in numerous outside events, including:

- Forest Stewardship Council auditor's presentation to Campbell River Environmental Council, January 6
- Enhanced Forest Management Pilot Project workshop, Victoria, March 9

## **Year 2001 Activities**

A key concern for many NIWAG members is the question of community stability in the face of continuing economic difficulties impacting the forest industry throughout the province but particularly on the BC Coast.

NIWAG members successfully proposed a conference in 2001 of all Weyerhaeuser Coastal community advisory groups, to discuss this common situation and to explore opportunities for cooperation on a variety of sustainability issues.

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